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2021 Federal Candidates in Peel Region

Wondering who to vote for on Monday, September 20? Look no further!

The 2021 federal election will see candidates from major electoral parties campaign throughout Peel Region, in several ridings. Look below for listed candidates from all major ridings in Caledon, Mississauga and Brampton, as well as candidate interviews and profiles on the following pages! Additional candidate profiles will be featured in next week's edition of Peel Weekly News!

• Brampton Centre:

- Shafqat Ali (Liberal)
- Baljit Bawa (People's Party of Canada)
- Jim McDowell (NDP)
- Jagdeep Singh (Conservative)

• Brampton East:

- Naval Bajaj (Conservative)
- Gail Bannister-Clarke (NDP)
- Manjeet Matharoo (People's Party of Canada)
- Maninder Sidhu (Liberal)

• Brampton North:

- Kerry Crawford (People's Party of Canada)
- Medha Joshi (Conservative)
- Ruby Sahota (Liberal)

• Brampton South:

- Ramandeep Brar (Conservative)
- Nicholas Craniotis (People's Party of Canada)
- Sonia Sidhu (Liberal)
- Tejinder Singh (NDP)

• Brampton West:

- Jermaine Chambers (Conservative)
- Kamal Khera (Liberal)
- Rahul Zia (People's Party of Canada)

• Mississauga Centre:

- Omar Alghabra (Liberal)

— Elie Diab (People's Party of Canada)

— Teneshia Samuel (NDP)

— Kathy-Ying Zhao (Conservative)

• Mississauga East-Cooksville:

- Grace Adamu (Conservative)
- George Antony (People's Party of Canada)
- Peter Fonseca (Liberal)

• Mississauga - Erin Mills:

- Michael Bayer (People's Party of Canada)
- Ewan DeSilva (Green Party of Canada)
- Iqra Khalid (Liberal)
- James Nguyen (Conservative)
- Kaukab Usman (NDP)

• Mississauga - Lakeshore:

- Michael Ras (Conservative)
- Vahid Seyfaie (People's Party of Canada)
- Sven Spengemann (Liberal)
- Sarah Walji (NDP)

• Mississauga - Malton:

- Iqwinder Singh Gaheer (Liberal)
- Gordon Kallio (People's Party of Canada)
- Clyde Roach (Conservative)

• Mississauga - Streetsville:

- Farina Hassan (NDP)
- Jasveen Rattan (Conservative)
- Rechie Valdez (Liberal)
- Gurdeep Wolosz (People's Party of Canada)

• Dufferin-Caledon:

- Brian Frazer (People's Party of Canada)
- Jenni Le Forestier (Green Party of Canada)
- Lisa Post (Liberal)
- Kyle Seebach (Conservative)



Brampton West Candidate Profiles

Kamal Khera is the Liberal Party candidate for Brampton West. Having represented the riding since 2015, Khera has held a diverse set of positions in Government and was most recently appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development.

She has also served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health (2015-2016), Minister of National Revenue (2016-2017), and Minister of International Development (2017-present), and served on numerous Standing Committees in Parliament including Health, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. Currently, she serves as a member of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security.

A Registered Nurse by trade, community volunteer and a political activist - Kamal says she is passionate about improving the lives of those around her and she is committed to being a strong voice for all residents in Brampton West.

Jermaine Chambers is a Conservative Candidate from Brampton West, and a financial professional having spent over 13 years working with three of Canada's top five banks.

Today, he operates a mortgage business helping Canadians with the dream of home ownership. Chambers is very active and engaged in the Brampton Community supporting seniors' groups, mental health and community development.

Chambers states that he is running to build Brampton West better, creating jobs, helping businesses and residents to recover.

Rahul Samuel is the People's Party of Canada Candidate for Brampton West. He is Chief Operating Officer of Orion Security and PSW Services. Together with his father, he operates a 25-year old security and healthcare provider business in Brampton West.

Samuel provided answers to questions posed by Peel Weekly News in an email earlier this month:

Past political experience: Although I don't have any direct political experience, I do come from a family of political leaders. My great grandfather, Mr. SP Singha, was a Pakistani politician who served as the speaker at the British Punjab assembly.

Vaccination: As I work with Peel clients, I have been vaccinated against COVID-19. While it is necessary to protect us, I support it. However, I believe it should be an option and not a mandated rule or law.

If elected, I promise to... help Brampton West as well as the Punjabi community reach new heights. I will assist them in the integration process, as well as helping them adapt to Canadian society and culture. My language foundation will provide them with tools and help them learn the language. We will also fund Brampton West to assist them in this process.

I will provide Brampton West with the tools it needs to get jobs and help the city grow. I will (also) be an impartial leader with strong connections to the Punjabi, Hindu, and Muslim communities.

Neha Grewal is the Green Party of Canada candidate for Brampton West. Grewal did not provide a response to questions posed by Peel Weekly News, as of press time.

Brampton South Candidate Profiles

Ramandeep Brar is the Conservative Party of Canada Candidate from Brampton South.

Brar has been the owner of a commercial transport business for the last 15 years and received a PhD in Food Science and Technology in 2001. He has lived in Brampton South for the past 18 years, and ran as the Conservative Party's candidate in Brampton South during the 2019 federal election.

When asked what changes he would bring to Brampton South, he pledged to, "Make resources available to help small to medium scale businesses maximize their potential; build one million homes in the next three years; boost funding to the provinces for mental health care; and pass appropriate crime related legislations to enhance the police force to help reduce the rising crime rate in Brampton."

Sonia Sidhu is the Liberal Candidate for Brampton South. She has served as the MP for the area from 2015-2021.

As a Liberal MP for the past six years, she has successfully passed a private member's bill to establish a national framework for diabetes in Canada, served on the Standing Committee on Health and as a vice-chair of the Status of Women committee in the House of Commons. She has also supported multiple development projects in the riding, including Brampton's Riverwalk, South Fletcher's youth hub, the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, electric buses, Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) and Rose Theatre funding, funding for youth, seniors, women, racialized communities and more.

If elected, she pledges to... "Continue delivering for Brampton's fair share to support increased benefits for seniors, affordable childcare, programs to help businesses thrive, and new well-paying jobs for Bramptonians. I also pledge to work on establishing the National Framework for Diabetes now that my private member's bill is a law in Canada."

Tejinder Singh-Dabb was officially confirmed as the NDP candidate in Brampton South at a recent virtual meeting.

"It is an honor to be able to represent Brampton," said Singh-Dabb indicating that there is much she wants to do for the people of Brampton.

Singh-Dabb has been a Brampton resident her entire life, and has raised three children in the riding with her husband, Mangaljit. She says she is concerned that the housing market is not affordable for many working families. "People living in Brampton have faced many difficult challenges over the last few months. There will be more once the COVID-19 pandemic has ended," Singh-Dabb said, "I promise that I will fight to support the people who most need it."

Nicholas Craniotis is the People's Party of Canada candidate for Brampton South. He is a Civil Engineering Project Manager with roots in the Churchville Village community.

If elected, he pledges to... "Fight and defend Canadian freedoms and liberties. Give power back to the people to decide what is right for them and their children without consequence. Stop any lockdowns or government interference in the ability to work and live. Protect Bramptonian's standard of living by controlling inflation with a zero per cent target."



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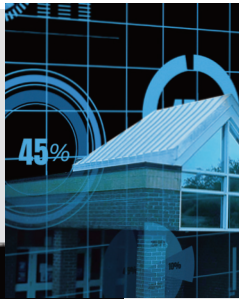
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by Alex Gregory

PWN File Photo

Three suspects have been arrested after a nighttime carjacking in Malton Tuesday evening — the latest in a string of similar incidents throughout the region.

The arrests were made in connection with an incident that took place around 9 p.m. Tuesday night in the Goreway Drive and Derry Road East area, when a victim sitting in his vehicle was approached by one of the suspects, who brandished an imitation weapon and demanded the victim to exit their vehicle.

Following this, the victim left their vehicle, and the three suspects entered the car before fleeing the area.

The victim was not in-

jured during the incident.

Police later located and arrested the three suspects in the Erin Mills area, near Credit Valley Road and Erin Mills Parkway area. The suspects were also found with property related to the incident, the Central Robbery Bureau said in a statement.

Two Mississauga residents, including 19 year-old Treyvaun Gomez and a 14 year-old teen, and a 16 year-old Brampton teen, were arrested and charged with one count each of robbery, wearing a disguise and wielding an imitation firearm.

All three suspects appeared in Brampton court for a bail hearing on Wednesday morning.

This is the second time in two weeks that a resident was robbed by a group of carjackers in Mississauga, following the arrest of 27 year-old Barrie resident Brittany Lynn Trites in connection with a carjacking that occurred on the August long weekend in the Dundas Street East and Haines Road area.

Two suspects are still wanted in that case, including a female with black-and-blond hair, wearing blue jeans, and a male suspect wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with additional information regarding either incident is asked to call Peel Police at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3410.



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2021 Federal Election - What Are The Key Questions and Concerns?

by Sue-Klein Shanly, MIRANET

The Mississauga Residents' Association Network (MIRANET) and many of its Resident Association members are questioning why an election was called at this time.

Not everyone agrees that it was a wise move due to the ongoing pandemic. What is the advantage for municipalities to call the federal election at this time?

Nevertheless, now that the election has been called, MIRANET is urging all eligible voters in Mississauga to make an informed choice.

To help voters make the decision, MIRANET members, affiliated groups and volunteers came up with the following pressing questions/concerns after thoughtful discussion. They are listed below in no particular order.

These questions are being sent out

to all the candidates in ridings in the City of Mississauga.

Responses to these questions will be collated and displayed on the MIRANET website, (miranet.ca), Twitter profile (twitter.com/miranet_network) and Instagram (instagram.com/miranetinfo) accounts.

MIRANET hopes the responses will help Mississauga voters make a thoughtful decision on who they want to best represent them.

1) Climate Change — Will National initiatives be sufficient to meet the 2030 climate accord standards? What will your party do to reduce reliance upon a carbon economy?

2) Economy — Municipalities are struggling financially and are increasingly reliant on property taxes to

finance their operating and capital budgets.

MIRANET suggests allocating one percent of the HST to municipalities as a secure form of annual revenue.

Will your party provide additional sources of revenue to municipalities? If yes, what? If no, why not?

3) Economy -- What will your party do to avoid a total collapse of small business and the economy?

4) HealthCare - Canada should NOT be reliant upon other countries for vaccines and PPE.

Has the government provided sufficient incentives for Canadian vaccine and PPE production? How will your party ensure rapid vaccination to prevent the rise of COVID-19 variants and solve the anti-vaccination issue, which puts ALL citizens at risk?

5) Housing - By Dec. 2024, 1.4 million new immigrants will have arrived in Canada since the onset of the pandemic in Mar. 2020. About 450,000 new units of housing are required. Canada currently has a deficit of 250,000 units.

What will your party do to address this issue? Give specific examples.

6) Transportation - Many Canadian cities are experiencing traffic gridlock due to continual growth, which is surpassing infrastructure development.

At the same time older bridges and roads need rehabilitation. What financial incentives would your party provide to help the transition from a

car reliant society to one more reliant upon public transit?

7) Indigenous Reconciliation - Why does Canada still require the Indian Act, legislated in 1856?

What programs would your party support to help achieve reconciliation?



Peel Health warning participants in hockey tournament to get tested

Residents who attended a hockey tournament in Meadowvale and Brampton over the August long weekend may have been exposed to COVID-19, Peel Region's health unit said Wednesday night.

Peel Public Health said attendees and players at the Bronko Academy - Toronto Exhibition Series Tournament, which ran on Aug. 27-29 at the Meadowvale Four Rinks Arena and CAA Centre in

Brampton, may have been exposed to the virus, as a confirmed case was discovered through testing.

The tournament attracted teams from various sites in the GTA, including Caledon, Orangeville, Georgetown, Toronto and other cities.

The notice applies to all attendees, including fully-vaccinated players and guests.

Attendees who seek COVID-19 testing are asked to quote the

number "2253-2021-46274" during their appointment.

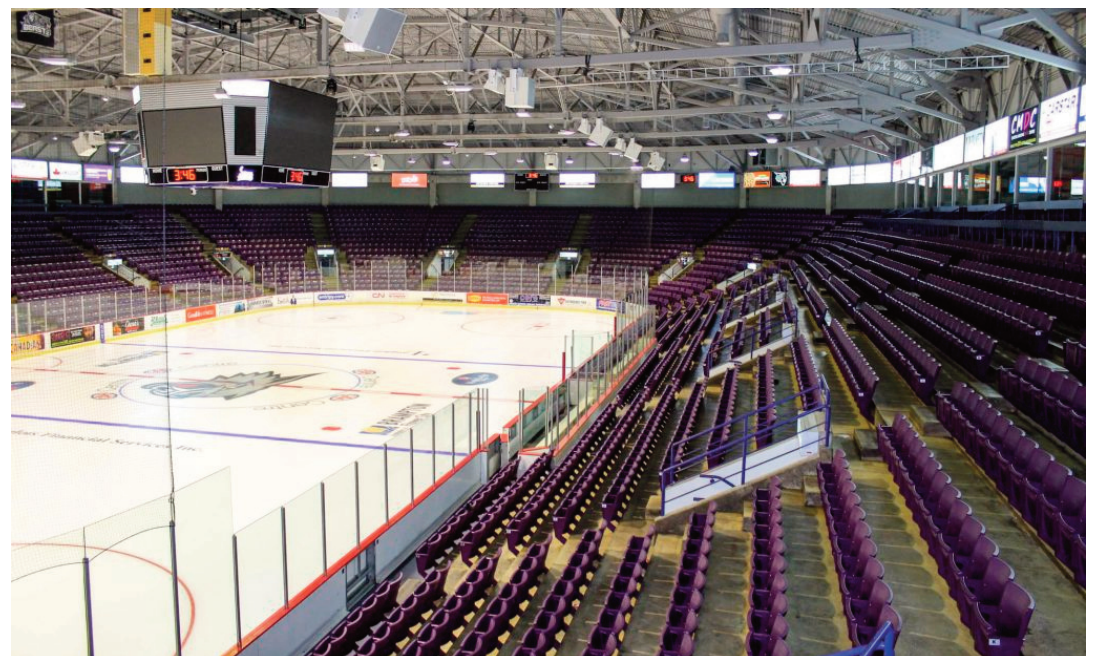
If symptoms

develop, individuals are asked to self-isolate away from others.

According to a

statement, the event attracted more than 100 attendees and had two or more

confirmed cases, based on public disclosure rules outlined by Peel Public Health.



Lies and Promises - Coming Soon?



Peter Whitaker
Publisher

Pardon the language, but I'm pissed.

I'm angry that many people don't seem to care about the federal election on Sep. 20.

I'm not seeing any meaningful discussions are happening out there in public, and even social media appears quieter than usual.

This election involves issues that will impact hundreds of thousands of people throughout this country — and there seems to be no meaningful dialogue about it in the wider public.

The facts are that each leader of his or her party wants to get elected and they will say what it takes to do it.

This is where we come in. We, the public are the ones who say "yay" or "nay" with our vote.

Don't forget that we are still very much in a pandemic, and have

known only one federal government that has taken us through this.

Has Justin Trudeau done a good job or not? Are his economic policies getting us back on our feet?

Those two questions are very tough to answer.

First, the pandemic and what it did to our economy was devastating. There certainly was no book written on how to handle this so I give any Prime Minister a pass on how it was handled.

As for the economy, again, the pandemic brought our economic system to a grinding halt. Can you put that on any Prime Minister?

But... let's not forget the Liberals have been in power since 2015. Mind you, their agenda was curved with a minority from 2019, so they had to play ball with the other parties for just under two years.

Trudeau likely felt that now was the best

time to try to build up his seat numbers to regain the majority.

It actually is going to be quite difficult to improve those numbers. In 2015, the Liberals received 184 seats; in 2019, that number came down to 157, with all other parties except the NDP seeing improvements.

What would make Mr. Trudeau think he was ready to improve numbers that were going down?

It would appear there was very little appetite for this snap election, with the other parties willing to wait the full four years till 2024. But after being thrown into an election, they now are in full swing and may come out on top.

The Conservatives under Erin O'Toole have put together a platform that spells out their plan for Canada, while the NDP are the one party that lost a fair amount of seats in 2019.

A victory for the NDP

will be to get those seats back this time around.

In 2019, on a percentage basis, the Bloc Quebecois did the best, with a 300 per cent increase in seats from 10 to 32.

As always, Canada is a two horse race between the Liberals and the Conservatives. In 2019 the Liberals lost 27 seats and the Conservatives gained 22, making it a much closer race.

This is where the promises and lies come into play.

If either party wants to lead Canada, they'd better quickly tune up their efforts, because the electorate are ready for both of them this time. Our votes will be cast with the most care the Canadian public have ever shown and demand.

Equity, fairness and common sense will be required from the party that will lead us for the next four years.

Make your vote known on Sep. 20!

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Caledon launches enforcement campaign against illegal land use

The Town of Caledon is cracking down on illegal land use.

The municipality announced Wednesday that it has launched an enforcement campaign against land being used to park commercial vehicles illegally.

The campaign, set up to ensure that land owners comply with zoning by-laws and existing land use policies, aims to take a bite out of sites being used as hubs for illegal trucking terminals, the Town said in a statement.

Three offences can impact the environment, decrease property values, and inflict noise, traffic and pollution on their neighbours, as well as allow offenders to compete unfairly against legitimate operators.

"Caledon is blessed with some of the richest farmland in Ontario," said Mayor Allan

Thompson. "Unfortunately, that land, especially along our southern border, is under serious threat from those who take advantage of our proximity to the GTA to illegally park commercial vehicles."

Among some of the initiatives announced through the new program, by-law officers will set up concrete barriers at entrances and exits of illegal trucking terminals and bring charges against property owners who deliberately allow such operations to occur.

The program was created by by-law officers, via a task force set up by the Town to combat such illegal land uses.

To date, over 300 properties have been identified as illegally using land for such operations.

"We will continue to utilize all available legal

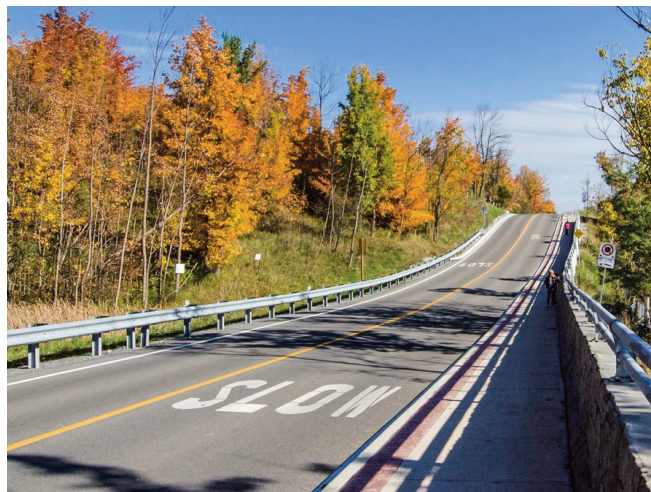
remedies to bring illegal land uses into full compliance with the Town's by-laws," said Mark Sraga, the Town's director of building services and municipal law enforcement.

Staff will also engage with and educate affected industry sectors (transport, real estate, logistics), local businesses and residents with the goal of finding solutions to the issue of

illegal land use.

The behaviour of such owners and their operations are harmful for many reasons, said Thompson.

"The noise, the lights, the traffic at all hours, not to mention the environmental hazards from potentially toxic fill used to create temporary parking and the oil, gas and other fluids seeping into the soil."



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Opinion

Do “the ends justify the means” in Trudeau’s goals for Canada?


**SURJIT SINGH
FLORA**
Columnist

When it comes to election platforms, Justin Trudeau was late to the party, releasing his election manifesto two weeks after calling an election in pursuit of a majority.

Why did it take so long to release it? Other opposition parties put theirs out long ago.

This means that he wasn't already planning for it - at least, not publicly. It begs the question of why the manifesto was not prepared and published when election preparations were well underway.

It appears that Trudeau was primarily focused on polls from survey companies that predicted that his victory would come easily and with a large majority. A poll he conducted internally may have sealed his victory.

Trudeau has plunged the country into deep debt, doling out hundreds of

billions in the name of the pandemic — with no end in sight. He won the last election at a time when he was certain to win.

Why is a manifesto necessary? This is nothing new, just old promises, a heartfelt, workaholic declaration each day that we will accomplish this and that. Such a document will only be a surprise to anyone who closes their eyes and votes.

The same Trudeau did not present a budget for 2020, and Canada was the only developed country not to do so. How is it possible for a Prime Minister to present a timely election manifesto when he indebted Canada without presenting a budget?

The promised affordable housing in 2015 was never fulfilled — tens of thousands more units are needed. In 2019, the same promise was made, and people fell for it again.

Trudeau's government was established, but the promise was never fulfilled. It is being promised again that

house prices would be controlled, and tax-free savings accounts could be opened to purchase homes.

Trudeau's six-year rule has seen house prices more than double in many Canadian areas and triple in others. The average person is finding it difficult to find basement apartments, as apartment rents have doubled.

The government turned a blind eye to the illicit money that is flooding into Canada from all over the globe, and only now is it pledging to clamp down on such behaviour with new rules.

Where was this action the last six years? It has already contributed to the lack of affordable housing. In the end, rents and house prices have continued to rise.

Canada's housing prices have increased so much that future generations will not be able to afford a home. These days, it seem property ownership is restricted to wealthy foreigners and the upper elite of

our society.

The next generation of Canadian youth is going to spend their entire lives renting and paying taxes.

Trudeau has done a massive disservice to Canada's parliamentary democracy. Basic information has been denied to Parliament and its committees on a variety of issues, so much so that freedom of information is emerging as a key campaign issue.

Parliament was temporarily paralyzed to prevent WE Charity, corruption, and other scandals from being exposed.

On the one hand, this slowed down the work of the Parliamentary Committees investigating and, on the other, large amounts of information were released that still need to be parsed through.

Trudeau gave half of the cabinet portfolios to female members in his first government. Jody Wilson-Raybould was expelled by the Liberal government amid the SNC-Lavalin scandal.

Jane Philpott, Health Minister, was also shown the exit door. Celina Caesar-Chavannes, a Liberal member from Whitby, Ontario, left and made scathing remarks towards “racist” and “misogynistic” behaviour exhibited by the PM's office.

Trudeau promised that there would be a budget deficit of around \$20 billion over the first three years and a surplus in the fourth year. However, that is nowhere near an attainable goal, with deficits planned through at least 2025 and spending up to over \$100 billion this year, as per the released budget.

COVID-19 was a great excuse for buying votes through the distribution of money. Trudeau's government spent more than \$1.2 trillion dollars on federal payments and supports, bringing the federal government's total outstanding debt to over \$450 billion.

Inflation has been rising since the government imposed

new dollars and injected money into the economy.

Everywhere you look, people are experiencing rising costs - for living, food and other expenses. Inflation control will further make people feel oppressed.

Higher interest rates will mean that government debt will increase and result in a more significant proportion of the government budget going to debt installments.

The next government will need to drastically increase taxes or reduce spending after this election if we want a hope of balancing the books within the next decade.

Trudeau's unnecessary election during a still-ongoing pandemic will result in a cost of over \$600 million.

Its sole purpose is to win majority support.

Are Trudeau's interests are more important than the national interest.

On Sep. 20, we'll find out.

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Suspect wanted in drugstore break-and-enters

by Alex Gregory

Police are looking for leads in connection with a suspect who was caught on video stealing from a pharmacy in Mississauga this past summer.

11 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau said earlier this week that the suspect is

wanted in relation to a series of break-and-enters that took place along Hurontario Street in July.

The suspect is believed to have been involved in nine separate incidents along the major corridor, with each incident taking place between 12 -

5 a.m., and saw the suspect break the front window or door of the building before stealing cash, medication and narcotics.

Anyone with information regarding the incidents is asked to call police at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1133.



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By raising your voice, you can support Vote Housing's mission to advocate for affordable housing policies in the upcoming election!

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Port Credit Mississauga 10-11:30 AM
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4 Corners Downtown Brampton 2-3:30 PM

Mississauga man sentenced to 140 months for laundering scheme

A 36 year-old Mississauga man has been sentenced to more than 11 years in U.S. prison in connection with several money laundering schemes — with ties to North Korean cyber criminals.

Ghaleb Alaumary was sentenced to 140 months in prison, along with \$30 million in restitution fees, after he pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy to launder money.

In addition, Alaumary will serve three years of supervised re-

lease after his prison sentence is completed.

Alaumary, a dual Canadian and U.S. national, pleaded guilty to the charges in a Georgia court after a lengthy trial concerning actions both he and other conspirators to steal money through email, ATMs and cyberheists, before laundering money through digital currency and bank accounts. Alaumary had also pleaded guilty in two other money laundering cases. Small and large companies, a uni-

versity, banks and others lost tens of millions of dollars in the scheme, said U.S. Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite Jr.

“Alaumary’s sentence reflects how seriously the Department of Justice considers the critical role that money launderers play in global cyber-crime,” Polite Jr. said in a statement.

In one of the cases, Alaumary sent fake emails to a Canadian university in 2017 regarding an alleged request from a construc-

tion company interested in a building project.

The university paid \$11.8 million CAD to a bank account controlled by Alaumary and other conspirators, believing they were sending it to the construction company. The money was then laundered through various bank accounts.

In a related incident just weeks later, Alaumary used a co-conspirator to impersonate wealthy customers to steal money from victims who had their identities compromised by

fraud.

A separate case saw Alaumary found guilty regarding a fraud ring he recruited criminals for, which stole money from ATMs and utilized cyber-heists to gain funds — including money stolen during a North Korean-led cyber-heist from a bank in Malta.

Alaumary is one of four defendants in the case to plead guilty in federal court to fraud felonies and be sentenced in the Southern District of Georgia.

The investigation included

support from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the FBI.

“The sentencing of the defendant in this case speaks to the value of investigative collaboration across borders,” said Special Agent in Charge Steven R. Baisel of the U.S. Secret Service’s Atlanta Field Office.

“In spite of the complicated, international nature of this criminal enterprise, the defendant and his co-conspirators were still brought to justice.”



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Peel Matters - The Politics of Disregard

by Catherine Sople

The headline “Politics, protest and peril” ran on Toronto Star front page Wednesday, with a photo of airborne gravel being pelted at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and others, as his London campaign stop on ended with his boarding the bus on Sep. 6.

Police are now investigating, not only the London assault, but also incidents reported the same day in Calgary, where Liberal campaign volunteers say they were spat upon and slapped by a man as they canvassed a building.

Just ten days ago, a Liberal supporter at the Bolton campaign stop for Trudeau described the unprecedented last-minute cancellation of Trudeau to appear on stage.

“It was like a bolt out of the blue!” said the attendee. “It felt as though the crowd was going to rush the stage.”

The “politics of disregard” is a meme in Canada’s 2021 federal campaign, although it began long before the writ was dropped on Aug. 12.

These days, people increasingly feel that the government has let them down, that the system is rigged against both them and also their success to fulfil their hopes and dreams.

Under COVID pandemic restrictions, Canadians feel the pain even more depending on where they live.

Local governments feel much like regular folk do – disregarded and thwarted in aspirations.

from mill-rated real estate taxes, real estate developer fees and local business taxes and proceeds. Budgets by law must be balanced.

The government have looked to most is their local government. The municipality sets the terms for housing and livability, the context for business to thrive, the push for modernization and digital inclusion and the infrastructure – hard, social and green – that promotes our seamless connections closer to home and prepares mitigation for climate change.

But, like the residents, the means to provide what is necessary falls short of what is required.

For example, Local Boards of Health have had to bridge the gap between federal supply, provincial delivery and localized need based on COVID-19 experience.

As the federal and some provincial governments have introduced mandated vaccination and now vaccination certification and passports, anti-vaccination and anti-mask networks have impeded access to hospitals for both exhausted frontline healthcare staff and patients.

But these networks are clearly a minority of the population.

In an online poll of 1534 people that ran from July 30 - Aug. 1, Leger and the Association for Canadian Studies found that 73 per cent of Canadians believe that governments should not lift all restrictions related to COVID-19 at the moment.

The poll also registered an increase of concern that the

worst of COVID was yet to come at 63 per cent, up nine points from a poll conducted one month earlier.

As fully-vaccinated rates in adults exceed 68 per cent of the population, and 1-dose vaccination rates exceed 75 per cent, the onset of the fourth COVID-19 Delta variant demonstrates robust benefit to reduce illness and death.

Hospitals report seven-fold caseload in urgent care settings for unvaccinated versus fully-vaccinated people.

Many Canadians are desperate for change. New arrivals to Canada feel the same way.

Housing is scarce and unaffordable.

One could say a hallmark disregard of our government is to not ensure an adequate, affordable, accessible, appropriate housing.

Ahead of the pandemic, Canada was already short 250,000 units of housing to meet population needs.

Yet, according to Canada’s 2021-2023 Immigration Levels Plan, the federal government will aim

to welcome 401,000 immigrants in 2021, another 411,000 in 2022, and 421,000 in 2023.

An estimated additional 450,000 units of housing will need to be in place in the next 30 months – and will not address the backlog.

Economic uncertainty doesn’t motivate young adults to embrace their future, and it displaces older adults who are less adept to learn digital-based processes that are now the norm.

Business owners and operators reliant on in-person services such as hair salons, settlement agencies, retailers, hospitality, tourism, culture, music and arts, print shops and media were shuttered without recourse when Canada declared emergency orders to manage the pandemic in Mar. 2020.

Families, especially led by lone-parents, struggle to stabilize supports for children in child care and public education.

Coded as ‘modernization’, daily living is increasingly an on-line, physically-distanced and near-

anonymous experience.

The digital sphere is perforating human connectedness and empathy, as people increasingly self-select their social context, or simply fall off the proverbial boat.

A lack of digital inclusion is the ultimate disregard for potential talent.

The global pandemic has exacerbated the gaps between those close to power, and those much further from it.

Health data maps caseload against postal code, which overlays with household income, immigration status and policing incidents.

Right now, people who are COVID-19 double-vaxxed (and maybe those with a booster shot) can take international flights much more seamlessly than those living amongst domestic marginalized populations, who cannot even join a friend for coffee in a non-profit agency drop-in centre.

And finally, the ultimate disregard in this election is not to make explicit moves on recommenda-

tions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Since May 27, evidence was reported of at least 1504 remains of Indigenous children lying in unmarked graves on seven former sites of residential schools across Canada.

Across a total of 139 federally-funded residential schools, which ran from 1870’s until 1997, the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (lowballs) an estimated 3,213 undocumented deaths.

More sites and more remains will come to light from schools operating without federal support, such as those run solely by religious orders or provincial governments.

Local governments are the ones most likely to make headway on TRC recommendations as neighbours and Indigenous Treaty partners.

Local governments can be the solution to Canada’s systemic and perpetual meme for government to disregard its people.



Against stormy skies, on Parliament Hill, the Peace Tower overlooks the Centennial Flame against which tiny shoes and children's toys memorialize since May 27, when the remains of 215 Indigenous children in unmarked graves were verified at Kamloops Indian Residential School. (Photo by Dmytro Basmat)

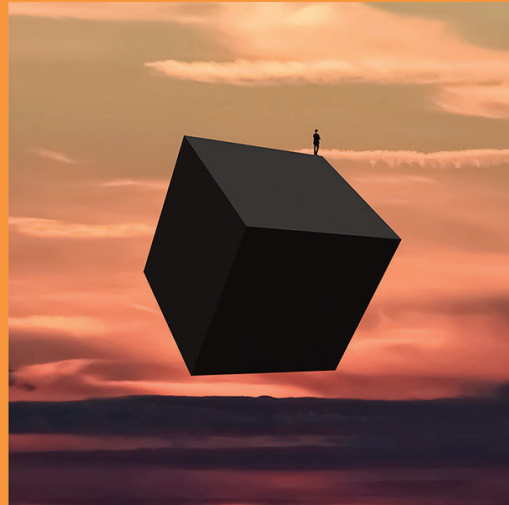


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Suspects wanted in two home invasions

Five suspects are wanted in connection with a pair of home invasions in Mississauga, police report.

Peel Police's Central Robbery Bureau said last week that the suspects are wanted in relation to incidents that occurred on Aug. 27 and Sep. 3, in which the suspects forced their way into residences.

In the incident that took place on Sep. 3, the suspects forced their way inside a home around 1:40 a.m. and demanded money.

During the inci-

dent, one of the suspects discharged a weapon into the ground before leaving.

A group of the suspects then stolen a 2021 Bentley Bentayga, with the custom licence plate "MTG PWR," while the rest of the suspects fled in a Nissan Murano sedan.

None of the victims involved in the incident were seriously injured.

The suspects are all described as male, wearing masks, dark hooded sweaters, dark pants and gloves.

Similar descriptions of the suspects were reported after the incident that occurred on Aug. 27, along with similar demands made from the occupants of the property that was forced into. No physical injuries were sustained by the victims in that incident.

The suspects are considered armed and dangerous, say police.

Anyone with information regarding the case is asked to call police at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3410.

Party leaders intensify resolve as campaign rolls on

In the last two weeks of the 2021 federal election campaign, party leaders have stepped up attacks on each other to distance themselves from their opponents.

An incident where Liberal leader Justin Trudeau had gravel thrown at him during a campaign stop in London, Ontario, was condemned by all political parties.

In Montreal, Trudeau announced that such incidents would not shake his resolve, noting the many frontline workers who have had to deal with protests and threats from some individuals.

At the same time,

Trudeau shook hands with his staunch anti-Conservative leader, Erin O'Toole, and said he was not telling Canadians how much his promises would cost.

Critics claim that the Conservatives' platform cannot be called a platform because it lacks transparency about spending.

In response, O'Toole said his platform would detail all costs other than changes to the gun control policy but could not say when it would be available.

Unlike Trudeau, O'Toole is campaigning from a hotel in Ottawa and says it is being carried out because of

the epidemic. He also condemned the attack on Trudeau by protesters.

Meanwhile, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh disagreed with Trudeau on a number of issues, saying his focus was too little on the climate crisis.

"You've seen for yourself what Trudeau has done in the last six years, whether it's housing, climate crisis, affordability or health care," Singh said during a campaign stop.

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Opinion

Could O'Toole capitalize on rushed election?



SURJIT SINGH FLORA

Columnist

Who was elected as the leader of the Conservative Party in the last year?

Erin O'Toole, a little-known figure in Canada, was leading a profoundly fractured party. The Party's roots did not like O'Toole's more moderate approach.

This is clear in O'Toole's victory in the third round. He wasn't everyone's choice. Even his second and third-round votes were less about him than fellow challenger Peter Mackay.

Given how he's handling Party and policies, plumbing his rating graph higher, O'Toole's policies could draw in enough voters to make him next Prime Minister of Canada.

Justin Trudeau's tenure as Prime Minister has been marred by scandals and internal strife, which is probably the most polite summary of the situation.

There's also the apparent sympathy Trudeau has displayed towards Khalistani terrorists. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has even blamed him for Trudeau's perceived soft approach toward Sikh extremists demanding Khalistani rights.

Trudeau has claimed that his indiscretions are due to his ignorance and place in society. He also says that he was oblivious of the connotations of the "blackface" scandal as it affects visible minorities.

Trudeau admits to hiding these events from Liberal Party members when he was being vetted. Many of his supporters condemned his actions, accepted his apologies and blamed his behaviour on "poor judgment."

They see this as an opportunity for a social discussion about racism.

If we are talking about winning federally, the Tories don't win as many elections as the

Grits. History has proven that multiple times.

Trudeau will be evaluated and the Liberals on how well they are handling the post-COVID recovery.

The Liberals won't be judged for anything else than continuing support for the BQ from Quebec. CPC cannot count on the usual split vote by the Left to their support in Ontario and BC. The NDP will remain an irrelevant.

O'Toole's chances hinge on Liberal failure, and being careful not to be seen as bigoted on the National Stage, as he occasionally has been.

He was never a household name in the past, and the media didn't pay much attention to him now — not even in the pre-election warmup.

After calling it a snap election, Trudeau started making promises to the other parties that they had already brought the bills while Parliament was open.

He made Canadians more puzzled,

as he did not work with the other parties while bringing those issues up.

Trudeau's sliding poll ratings and apparent magnet for controversy on the campaign trail aren't helping matters, even though none of the events he faced were justified in any way, shape or form.

The way it's going, there is a distinct possibility that his minority government could be removed from office, and that a better and more decent leader, who

respects all Canadians and replaces him, is elected.

When we look at Canada's history, people tend to vote for the Liberal Prime minister for a few terms, then they get bored of them, whatever the reason may be.

They then vote for a Conservative Prime Minister until the same thing occurs, at which point, they return to Liberal and then Conservative.

Trudeau is currently in his second term. The

signs are obvious, and there is every reason O'Toole could have a shot at the post.

The majority of the public is not looking for a leader or party that talks fast and loose and keeps playing politics. They are looking for a friendlier, honest leader and party that delivers and meets expectations.

The public wants someone who is not just a man with words, but a man of his words.



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In pandemic times, why not rule until end of term?

by Vidya Gopaul

Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, called a snap election on Aug. 15, in the hopes of winning a majority government.

He bypassed the rule of law, which is written in the Canadian Election Acts, by asking for an election on Sep. 20, 2021.

In a previous column, published by Peel Weekly News on Apr. 15, I predicted that Justin Trudeau was chasing a majority government — long before anyone had such an idea.

In that article I mentioned that he was using the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine to entice Canadian voters that he was doing a great job in terms of fighting this deadly virus, and hence he should be given a majority government to advance his fight.

Nowadays, every political pundit is saying the same thing. I wonder what would have happened if Trudeau continued to be PM until the actual date of election — that is, Oct. 2023.

After all, his minority government was functioning relatively well considering the circumstances, supported by the NDP up until now.

Normally, a minority government is defeated in a vote of confidence in the House of Commons in Ottawa, the nation's capital city of Canada.

That vote of confidence usually

happens when a minority government presents its financial budget and does not get enough votes to pass it through legislation.

But thus far, the NDP has been supporting Justin Trudeau's minority government, and his government is back into business until the next vote of confidence. And he can continue such process until the fixed date of the

have thought the polls were in his favour to win a majority government.

During the French leaders' debate, his arrogance was displayed.

Trudeau said if he does not win a majority - he is assuming he will win a minority - he will call another snap election in 18 months!

The main reason I believe he wants a majority is so

If he really believes in a democratic system, then I would say he should have ran the course of his minority government mandate until the fixed date of Oct. 2023.

Then, he would let the voters decide whether they want another four years of a Trudeau government or not.

Chances are that he just could win a majority just as his father, Pierre

it was not because of the doings of any of the opposition parties.

In reality, I think the opposition parties trapped him in his corner, and outsmarted him because they kept approving his budget.

And, hence, he is between a rock and a hard place. Not very wise!

On the other hand, all Trudeau had to do was to present a controversial financial

the chances of winning a majority government would been in sight.

Unlike now, where Trudeau is being blamed for calling a snap election and the voters are furious.

I wonder who he was listening to? Somebody in his party gave him the wrong advice. Or just maybe his own party is boycotting him and wants him out.

I have never seen any leader of the ruling party look after the entire population of the country. He or she always looks after his/her party, party and party!

I get it - you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. That's how politics work.

No leader has been elected to govern a country by his/her own finance, efforts and political will.

They need the backing of high profile business leaders, monetary donors, special interest groups and donations from various charity groups to succeed.

At the end of the day, every leader has an expiry date as to how long he/she can be popular, have power, authority and dictate their mandate.

When you are out of that circle, nobody cares, not even your party.

You will not even make it to the newsstand, unless you make a significant impact.



Canadian election, which was set for Oct. 2023.

So why did he call a snap election on his own?

Most likely, arrogance and self-gotistical confidence.

Perhaps Trudeau is banking on his legacy being able to fool the Canadian voters one more time, based on some past provincial election results during the pandemic.

Based on those results, he may

that he will have all the power to do what he wants.

So what is the difference between him and the rest of the non-democratic governments, such as Russia, China, North Korea, and now, Afghanistan?

All their leaders want to be in power for ever and Trudeau is no different.

He himself has said that he would like to be PM for a few years longer, if not forever.

Elliot Trudeau, did.

Therefore, for him to want a power grab is no different than the non-democratic leaders.

He called an election in the middle of a fourth wave, and I think a lot of Canadians are watching him very carefully.

A recent poll indicated that 76 per cent of Canadians do not want an election now. He forced the election upon himself, and

budget and the ball would have been in his corner!

How?

Well, the budget would not have been accepted by the opposition parties, and hence, that would have meant an automatic defeat of his government, which would have automatically triggered a general election.

That way, the blame would have been put to the opposition parties, and hence,

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There are the likes of leaders, such as, Brian Mulroney, Jean Chrétien, Stephen Harper, Barack Obama, Tony Blair, Paul Martin and George Bush and many others.

They were all great and powerful leaders, and yet now, they are nowhere to be found - not even in the newspaper!

They are all in their corners doing their own things.

So why struggle so much, jeopardise your family life, create voter frustration, listen to all the insults from the public, you and your family safety and even receive death threats, when you know someday your time will come to be dethroned?

If I were Justin Trudeau, I would run the government until its due date, because by that time, he will be in the office as PM for eight years - that is about the average amount of time a PM serves for.

I always say, "You do not win an election because you are good. You win an election because your opponent is

weak." And the more you stay on that job, the weaker an opponent you become.

Take an example of the previous Canadian PM, Stephen Harper.

After nine years in office as PM, he thought he would beat Justin

Trudeau in the 2015 election.

He brought all the big and famous stars, with the likes of famed

hockey player Wayne Gretzky, the "Ford Nation," Bollywood star Akshay

Kumar and others - and yet, he lost the election.

Why? Because he became a weak opponent, his novelty ran out, voters were tired, and whatever he was presenting, the public was not believing in it.

If Trudeau loses this election, not

even achieving a minority government, as some polls suggest, he will deny himself an extra two years of being PM.

Otherwise he could have been PM for eight years instead of six.

In the end, Trudeau will soon find out that, "Fool me once, shame on you, Fool me twice, shame on me ..."



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School boards received \$700M for facility improvements, but are kids returning to healthier schools?

by Hunter Parker, Special

Ontario schools have definitely had their share of ups and downs. From student cohorts, to online learning, the 2020/2021 school year proved to be a roller-coaster of new experiences.

As parents and students adapted to a myriad of public health measures, including facemasks and social distancing, school facilities were faced with unprecedented operational challenges.

From the onset of the pandemic, school officials and facility managers have inherently become pseudo epidemiologists, working around the clock, implementing new measures to improve indoor air quality.

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) put together an Epidemic Taskforce to provide guidance on mitigating the risk of COVID transmission within schools.

This guidance was formulated to help facility managers retrofit and plan for the improvement of indoor air quality and to slow the transmission of viruses via the HVAC systems, noting that the underlying effort should be to mitigate risk of airborne pathogen transmission through a combination of strategies, including increased ventilation, better filtration, improved air distribution, or use of other air cleaning or treatment technolo-

gies.

The federal and provincial governments quickly responded with a COVID Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) allowing the Ministry of Education to administer \$700 million for education related projects.

"We are taking a major step forward by investing further in the safety of our schools, including action to improve air quality and renovate schools, so all students remain safe through this pandemic," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, shortly after the funding announcement was made last November.

Fast forward nine months later, and just ahead of kids returning to class, we decided to investigate and determine what exactly has been done and whether school boards have been able to increase airflow in their facilities.

Our research led us to uncover the Cleaner Air for Schools program, a collaborative initiative launched in Mar. 2020 between NERVA Energy, Mohawk College and Climate Change Leaders.

At first glance, it would appear that this program allows school boards to significantly increase ventilation without the need for costly mechanical upgrades or lengthy building disruptions.

The claim seemed a little utopic, so we

decided to dig deeper and determine whether the hype is, in fact real, or just another marketing ploy to capitalize on the COVID economy.

Upon reviewing their public case studies, the majority of which derive from Ontario's education sector, we were quickly impressed.

Reports showed average ventilation improvements ranging from 20-45 per cent, which our technical correspondents confirm is quite significant without actually upgrading mechanical equipment.

So what's the secret behind these results? Perhaps special robotics or artificial intelligence?

Unfortunately, the response is much less exciting; it is actually a combination of complex engineering and an award-winning technology out of California that was recently funded by the Bill Gates Foundation.

The process is called Aerosolized Duct Sealing, and it consists of rehabilitating ductwork infrastructure and sealing ducts from the "inside-out" to virtually eliminate air duct leakage.

Considering that the concept of duct leakage was completely foreign to us prior to writing this story, we decided to reach out to Joshua Lewis, a recognized energy advisor and recipient of the International Energy Innovator of the Year award.

"Duct Leakage is

substantial issue that is widely overlooked in large facilities. ASHRAE estimates that most commercial buildings experience 10-25% air duct leakage. This requires HVAC systems to work more than necessary to keep buildings at comfortable temperatures," said Lewis, adding that, "a recent study from the Building Commissioning Association quantified duct leakage as a \$2.9B problem."

So where did this magical Duct Sealing solution come from? We sat down with Rob Hallewick, President of NERVA Energy who provided some historical background.

"Aerosolized Duct Sealing was developed by the Lawrence Berkley National Institute in California. It has been around for over 20 years and has a plethora of industry awards" said Hallewick, noting that "The technology

was heavily underserved here in Canada until NERVA acquired the rights to service commercial buildings".

Mohawk College has been a Research and Validation partner to the Cleaner Air for Schools program since its inception.

Tony Cupido, Research Chair, Sustainable Building technologies, had this to say: "This program has been a vital resource for school boards to address mechanical inefficiencies, and underserved ductwork infrastructure which can lead to suboptimal airflow. To date, participating schools have been able to increase airflow by an average of 45 per cent," said Cupido, adding that, "this results in better indoor air quality, improved HVAC efficiency and ongoing utility savings, at a time when schools need it most."

There's no doubt

parents would like their kids back in class, but concerns over classroom ventilation and how that could affect COVID-19 transmission, remains to be a pressing issue.

With the Delta variant of the novel coronavirus circulating and most students still too young to be vaccinated, parents are seriously considering their back to school options.

The good news is, facility managers continue to work vigorously in their quest to provide improved ventilation and healthier teaching-learning environments for students, teachers, and staff.

Ongoing communication and public awareness should continue to be a vital component in our back-to-school strategy.



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Citywide diabetes wellness initiative kicks off in Brampton

A city-wide wellness initiative running for the next month aims to bring awareness to the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of insulin — and diabetes wellness initiatives in Brampton.

Last week, Diabetes Canada and Dynacare launched a new initiative, #Dynacare4Diabetes, focused on supporting those with risk factors that increase the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes.

Residents that have never been tested for diabetes to start the process by assessing their risk factors with new online resources. Individuals with one or more risk factors, or those who are experiencing symptoms, can also one of several mobile A1C (blood sugar test) clinics, where a pre-ap-

proved requisition can be provided onsite.

Dynacare said this week that mobile A1C clinics will be established in select locations throughout the city to expand the reach and availability for this testing.

The goal is to provide access to testing for those most at risk for disease so they can be better informed about their health and, if necessary, get on a pathway to care.

The goal will be to support underserved and racialized communities, that have traditionally experienced barriers with accessing healthcare.

The campaign, which launched this past weekend at Brampton City Hall, will be conducted entirely at Dynacare's cost, and is open to all members of the public.

Furthermore, Dynacare said 50 cents would be donated to Diabetes Canada for every participant in the program, either at a Dynacare location or mobile A1C clinic in Brampton until Oct. 6, up to a total donation of \$25,000.

"Understanding the increased prevalence of type 2 diabetes within Peel Region, Brampton was a natural next step for expanding this important initia-

tive," says Dynacare CEO Vito Ciciretto. "Our goal with this campaign is to make it easier for all Bramptonians to get tested and for those at risk to speak with a physician. COVID-19 can also cause more severe symptoms and complications in some people living with diabetes, making it more important than ever for Bramptonians to understand their risks."

All A1C testing will be performed in a safe environment — whether in a mobile clinic or at a Dynacare location.

The company said it has also implemented a number of additional safety measures, including enhanced cleaning processes, physical distancing protocols and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) at all of their locations and mobile A1C clinics.

2021 also marks the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of insulin, making it an important time to both recognize the incredible work that has already been done to help combat the disease as well as "renew our commitment to helping to end diabetes," the company said in a release.

For more information about the campaign, visit diabetes.ca/dynacare.



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Health and Wellness - Our Women, Our Pride

by Elizabeth Banfalvi

Our Canadian Women's Hockey Team just won the 2021 IIHF Women's World Championship in Calgary, Alberta.

We are now set for them to go to the Beijing 2022 XXIV Olympic Winter Games on Feb. 4 - 20, 2022 — just a few months away.

Our Canada women's won soccer gold at Tokyo Olympics 2021. They also won many medals in so many different sports. It was Canada's first-ever appearance in the Olympic women's soccer final and they won.

Women's sports are becoming very successful here in Canada but they aren't as well televised as men's sports. Why is that?

If the Blue Jays or Maple Leafs had won their famous

trophies, we would be talking about them and their locations would be full of spectators. They would definitely be televised — each and every game.

The newspapers, radio stations and Sport televised programs would be featuring the scores and their winning celebration until we would be sick of them. Not so with the women — they aren't being given the same spotlight. Why?

The men are being paid to play their games, but not necessarily the women. It is at their cost.

Now we are seeing and hearing about coaches and others attempting to rally different companies to get some expenses and costs for women, but it is a slow process.

We are so lucky that the people who

are helping our women's teams are so happy to do them no matter how little is offered.

In May 1, 2019 the Canadian Women's Hockey League, founded in 2007, announced it would be shutting down and the league would be ceasing operations.

Officials say a lack of funding was to blame. "While the on-ice hockey is exceptional, the business model has proven to be economically unsustainable," the league wrote in a release.

Again, what a shame. Canada's most famous sport and the women's league couldn't sustain itself financially.

If you see all the companies giving money to the men's leagues and the ratio giving to the women, it is com-

pletely different.

So where do we go from here? First of all, we need more celebrating our women's teams in the newspapers and radio stations and to encourage people to attend their sports events. The more visual women's sports are, the better people will know about it and there will be more sponsorships offered to our teams.

This past Tuesday, I listened to my favourite radio station for any news items about our women's hockey team who had won the World Cup the night before — and nothing. So, I called the station and asked them why they weren't celebrating our Women's hockey team.

I had to leave a message, but then ten minutes later,

they announced it along with the new Bachelor show coming on.

That night I was watching CTV News, and there it was — such a great news item, not only about our hockey team, but also about our recent Olympic win in soccer.

It was so well done and they took the time to show our hockey team celebrating on the ice after the game. It was all about women's sports and how proud they were of them.

Both our genders need to be celebrated. We have so many teams here in Canada and they are becoming better and better all the time.

Rugby, baseball, volleyball, tennis, curling, and so on and so on are here in Canada and women are becom-

ing more proficient in all of them. They are growing and winning in their leagues and soon we will hear about them too.

Men and women are playing sports here in our country and we need to acknowledge them for all their hard work and their expertise. They both need recognition so let's give it to them in equal parts. Not only are we proud of men but our pride in women is increasing.

Let's take the time to acknowledge all of the sports people including their teams who are always there to help them be their best. Our teams are important.

Be the best you can be and always know we will be proud of you. Go, Canada, go! Women and men alike!



LIFESTYLE / AROUND TOWN

Town pushes on as community complex breaks ground

by Alex Gregory

A planned expansion for one of Caledon's longest-serving community centres broke ground Tuesday morning.

Councillors and dignitaries in Caledon marked the beginning of construction for the Phase 4 expansion of the Caledon East Community Complex, which will bring upgrades, improvements and additional facilities to the local area.

The new expansion, funded through the 2020 Town budget, will bring much-needed infrastructure and services to the local area for all residents to enjoy, said Mayor Allan

Thompson, who noted that the expansion is "a once-in-a-generation leap forward for recreation infrastructure."

Among other upgrades, the site will include accessibility upgrades; a new fitness centre, pool and aerobics studio; new space for Caledon Public Library; multi-purpose rooms; a dedicated space for a Caledon Sports Hall of Fame; and increased parking.

The new expansion will bring an additional 52,000 square-feet to the existing 106,412 square-foot facility, building off three previous phases of expansion that

included additional arena structures.

The Town said in a statement that construction is being managed

carefully to ensure the impact on surrounding residential and environmental areas is minimized.

When completed there will be plenty of green space around the facility and between Town Hall to ensure the pub-

lic can walk safely, Town staff said.

Construction is anticipated to be completed in the winter of 2023.



Kiwanis boosts fundraising efforts at supply drive



The Kiwanis Club of Brampton will help students returning to school get a leg up on their studies this weekend with a fundraising drive hosted in partnership with Staples Canada.

The community organization said this week that it will host the fundraising drive this weekend at local mall within the city to raise funds that will help in the purchase of supplies for students in need.

Kiwanis members will be show-

ing their support by their presence at Staples stores throughout the city, including Shoppers World (499 Main Street South), Trinity Commons Mall (80 Great Lakes Drive) and the Queen Street East Staples locations (2937 Queen Street East) on Saturday, Sep. 11 and 18, between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Last year, students at eleven local schools were beneficiaries of the generosity of customers who donated at their local

Staples store.

Founded in 1957, the local Club has been instrumental in establishing what later became Brampton Caledon Community Living and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel. The club currently supports through monetary gifts and service hours over 20 non-profit organizations (Community Partners) in Brampton and the surrounding community.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.bramptonkiwanis.com.

Behind the Scenes with... Arts on the Credit

by E.C. Munson

Along with the traditional apple picking this time of year, we often could head out to some studio tours.

But many artists and organizations are rethinking the logistics of how to be safely-open to the public and either cancelling these events or scaling them back.

Well, the ingenuity of Marie Payne, Elysia Prokopetz, Jane Peryer and Safia Farouk, the Arts on the Credit (AOTC) board members, gave birth to the Arts Drive in the fall of 2020.

And with the current uncertainty of having people gather inside, this very popular event is back in the great out-of-doors on Saturday, Sep. 25, 2021.

In the main group of partici-

pating artists, all locations are south of the QEW and clustered primarily along Lakeshore Road as it runs from Port Credit through to Clarkson.

Links to digital maps are available at artsonthecredit.ca/arts-drive.

With a 'bakers' dozen' times two (that means 13 X 2 equals 26 artists) in 12 locations along the southern end of Mississauga, people easily plan to see a few artists at each stop, then move on to the next site!

Artists will be set up with their displays from 11 a.m. in the morning to 5 p.m. at the end of the day. The rain date is Sunday, Sep. 26.

Arts on the Credit brings a level of panache and dash to all of

its events, be it the former studio tour which is now the Arts Drive, or the two shows a year at the Waterside Inn in Port Credit.

Their online virtual gallery has been made available to AOTC members who have been able to hold monthly exhibitions of their work.

The openings of these shows are very well attended using the Zoom platform with good discussions and the ambience of an arts soiree.

Expect to see the unexpected with this group of artists and bring their joie de vivre into your lives and homes with their inspirational work!

You could even start shopping for some of those holiday celebrations.

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Local firefighters donate \$150k to new memorial

Firefighters in Brampton presented local officials with a cheque last week that will go towards a new memorial that will honour those who have fallen in the line of duty.

IAFF Local 1068 presented the City of Brampton with a cheque for \$150,000 last week to contribute to a new memorial that will honour Brampton's fallen firefighters, matching a previous \$150,000 given by the city for the creation of the memorial.

The new memorial will be located at Brampton Fire's Headquarters and Training Centre on Williams Parkway, scheduled for completion in the spring of 2023.

The state-of-the-art, centralized facility will be home to Brampton's Fire

and Emergency Services Headquarters, Prevention Division, new Fire Station 203, an Emergency Operations Centre, Emergency Measures Office, and indoor and outdoor fire training facilities.

"Our team members are not only colleagues, but family. This memorial monument will mean a lot to the entire Brampton Fire and Emergency Services team, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the lives and contribution of our fallen members," said Brampton Fire Chief Bill Boyes after the announcement. "This memorial space will make our new Williams Parkway Fire Campus a truly special place."

Paul Lecompte, the president of IAFF Local 1068, said he was proud

of the members who voted to support such an important initiative.

"This memorial will mean a lot to everyone and recognizing those who have sacrificed for the safety of our community is important so that our family and theirs keep their memories alive," said Lecompte.

The city will also be inviting profes-

sional artists and artist-led teams to submit expressions of interest for the design of the memorial, as part of a two-stage competitive process.

After expressions of interests are made, a selection panel of stakeholders will review the applications, then invite a shortlist of candidates to submit an eligible de-

sign proposal. The successful artist will be selected after a subsequent review.

The submission period for stage one will be open through Oct. 14.

The memorial will honour all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and serve as a daily reminder of Brampton Fire's unwavering com-

mitment to the safety and well-being of the community, said Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown.

"I am so pleased to invite artists to take part in creating this important piece — it is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to recognize a team that plays an invaluable role in our city," said Brown.



Brampton Library unveils "Brainfuse" for readers

Brampton Library is rolling out a new online learning solution that aims to bring a "fuse" to creative learning.

The library system announced late last week that "Brainfuse," an

online learning solution with unique services that support students and job seekers at all ages and stages of life, will be available to access for all current library card holders, as part of digital li-

brary services.

Brainfuse includes an online tutoring program (Brainfuse Help Now) to help students of all ages support their academic success.

The program features a live tutor-

ing service, where instructors trained in the Ontario curriculum are available to help students through virtual chat and an interactive whiteboard, and more, along with live tutoring, available

everyday from 2 -- 11 pm., learning support for French language studies, free tutorials and lessons, an Adult Learning Centre with free resources to prepare for GED and Canadian Citizenship tests, on-

line career assistance resources and a resume review service.

For more information, visit the Brampton Library website at bramptonlibrary.ca.



Exploring the Secrets of the Credit River

by Nina Munteanu, Special

I began my limnology career teasing out the secrets of stream life as a grad student at Concordia University, Quebec. My master's research focused on several rural and urban streams in the Eastern Townships, not far from where I grew up.

Later, as a limnologist for various environmental consulting companies in British Columbia, I used stream macro-benthos communities as indicators of environmental impact from industrial discharges, agriculture and municipal development. Macro-benthos are bottom-dwelling life you can see with the naked eye.

They're mostly made up of aquatic worms and juvenile stages of insect species (benthic invertebrates). Many of these insects spend most of their lives voraciously feeding in the water stage (several months to several years), before they emerge as adults to live briefly (some from days to weeks) to mate and create new life.

Adults don't feed; in fact, they don't have usable mouthparts. The *Dolania americana* adult female mayfly lives a brief five minutes.

Similarly, the Gripopterygidae stonefly larva, which clings to the underside of rocks and debris in fast flowing water, takes from one to three years to mature but once emerged may last from one-to-four weeks.

Stream ecologists identify benthic invertebrates by their form, but they also recognize them by how they feed:

Shredders use scissor-like mouths to cut and shred apart coarse particulate matter. These include amphipods, mayflies, stoneflies, midges, and some caddisflies.

Collector-gatherers (e.g., worms, nematodes, crustaceans, and gastropods) use their broom-like mouths to sweep in fine and ultra-fine organic matter.

threshold to capture organic matter suspended in the stream.

Predatory benthic invertebrates, such as damselflies and dragonflies, have piercing mouthparts that act like a straw, allowing them to suck the nutrients from their prey without having to chew or shred it.

Since 1909, when Kolkwitz and Marsen demonstrated

pear in areas of poor water quality, organic enrichment, low oxygen, and high metal levels.

I recently tested this in several ad hoc field trips I made with my naturalist friend Merridy Cox along the Credit River in Ontario.

We started our explorations with the lower Credit River watershed, within the urban setting of Mississauga, On-

health of the Credit River and its watershed, mostly through the work of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, together with the provincial and various municipal governments.

While the water quality of the lower river is considered generally fair to poor, the river is partially saved by its gradient and turbulent flow.

benthic organisms. I spotted several species of mayfly, including rock-clinging Heptageniids (flat-headed mayflies) and the stone-building caddisfly *Glossoma*, all indicators of well-oxygenated turbulent flowing waters.

About 500 m from where we had sampled in the Credit River, we investigated a small tributary in the forest that led into the river.

The creek obviously drained storm water runoff from the streets above; and, while the water was clear and contained riffles with a good flow, I found no macro-benthos on the rocks. Only blue-green algae populated the shoals.

This was not surprising, given that storm water and street runoff generally contain contaminants (e.g., chlorides, heavy metals, organics, and oxygen-depriving materials) that susceptible organisms can't tolerate.

What struck me was the deceptive nature of this contamination. Most of us, when we think of polluted water, envision a turbid stagnating watercourse with visible garbage, bubbling with toxic algae.

The pollution in this tributary was invisible; so was the life. It reminded me that the face of pollution varies and ranges from the obvious—as with most organic enrichment—to the insidiously subtle—as with heavy metal contamination or acid rain.

Water holds many secrets; some good, some not so good.

Water is an introvert.



Grazers or scrapers, such as beetles, mayflies, and stoneflies, feed on attached algae and biofilms. Their mouths chisel against periphyton (attached algae) on rocks, woody debris and aquatic plants.

Filtering collectors, such as blackfly larvae, collect suspended fine and ultra-fine organic matter, which can include phytoplankton (floating algae) in their finely spun nets.

The caddisfly larva *Arctopsyche grandis*, for instance, builds a rough house made from twigs, leaf fragments, and small pebbles and spins silk nets across its

that benthic invertebrates showed specific tolerances to organic enrichment and other sources of pollution, scientists have used these communities to study impacts to stream health from chemical pollution, flow disruption and habitat destruction. The EPT Richness Index was developed, based on the EPT groups being generally pollution-intolerant. EPT stands for Ephemeroptera (mayflies), Plecoptera (stoneflies) and Tricoptera (caddisflies) and the index corresponds to their percentage in the stream. EPT benthos will disap-

tario, where we sampled the river and a few small tributaries in Riverwood Park, a few kilometres from where the river empties into Lake Ontario.

Originally named "trusting creek" (Missinnihé) by the Mississauga First Nation people, the salmon-bearing Credit River drains some 860 square-kilometres of Ontario and flows 90 kilometres from its source at Orangeville, over the Niagara Escarpment, through several suburbs, and into Lake Ontario at Port Credit.

Great efforts have been made to restore and maintain the

The length of the Credit River, up to very close to its mouth, rushes with the sound of a great storm. It tumbles and gurgles over rocks, capturing oxygen from the air; it scours gravel beds and cuts swirling eddies and creates undercut banks for foraging fish.

The habitat is complex and life thrives here. Green algae cling to smooth boulders as water shears over them into pools of bubbling water. Water striders skate on the water surface in calmer backwaters.

A cursory sampling of rocks in the river revealed a diversity of macro-

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Arts council launches Arts for Mental Health conference

Artists looking for resources to benefit their mental health will soon have a new lifeline for support, as the Mississauga Arts Council announced plans earlier this week to hold the city's first Arts for Mental Health conference.

The inaugural invite-only conference, which will be hosted virtually on Oct. 6, will bring together guest speakers, experts, scientists, and artists gather to share the outcomes, benefits, and strengths of creative experiences, aided by professional artists, lifting depression, reducing anxiety, and the use of traditional, established and

expensive healthcare services in hospitals and doctors' offices in Mississauga and beyond.

Dubbed "ArtsCare," the conference will be supported by data collected by fellow support organization Mass Culture, which will be hosting a number of "data parties" over a 72-hour period to collect information regarding arts and culture activities while offering fun online activities and other resources for attendees.

"COVID-19 has created such demand for mental health care and the arts are ready and able to help alleviate this crisis," said Mike Douglas,

the executive director of the Mississauga Arts Council.

"The time has finally arrived to appreciate the impact and benefits of (the arts) to help improve one's mental health by participating in a creative experience, whether as an audience member, attending an art class, dancing, writing, or singing, all generate measurable physiological

and neurological benefits – it's magic."

The conference will highlight the successful research of programs in Britain, Australia, and Denmark, we aim to provide evidence-based research to conference attendees that would lead to a pilot arts for mental health program in Peel Region.

"So much research has been done, we are excited to pull it all

together in a two-stage presentation," said Robin Sokoloski, the director of organizational development for Mass Culture.

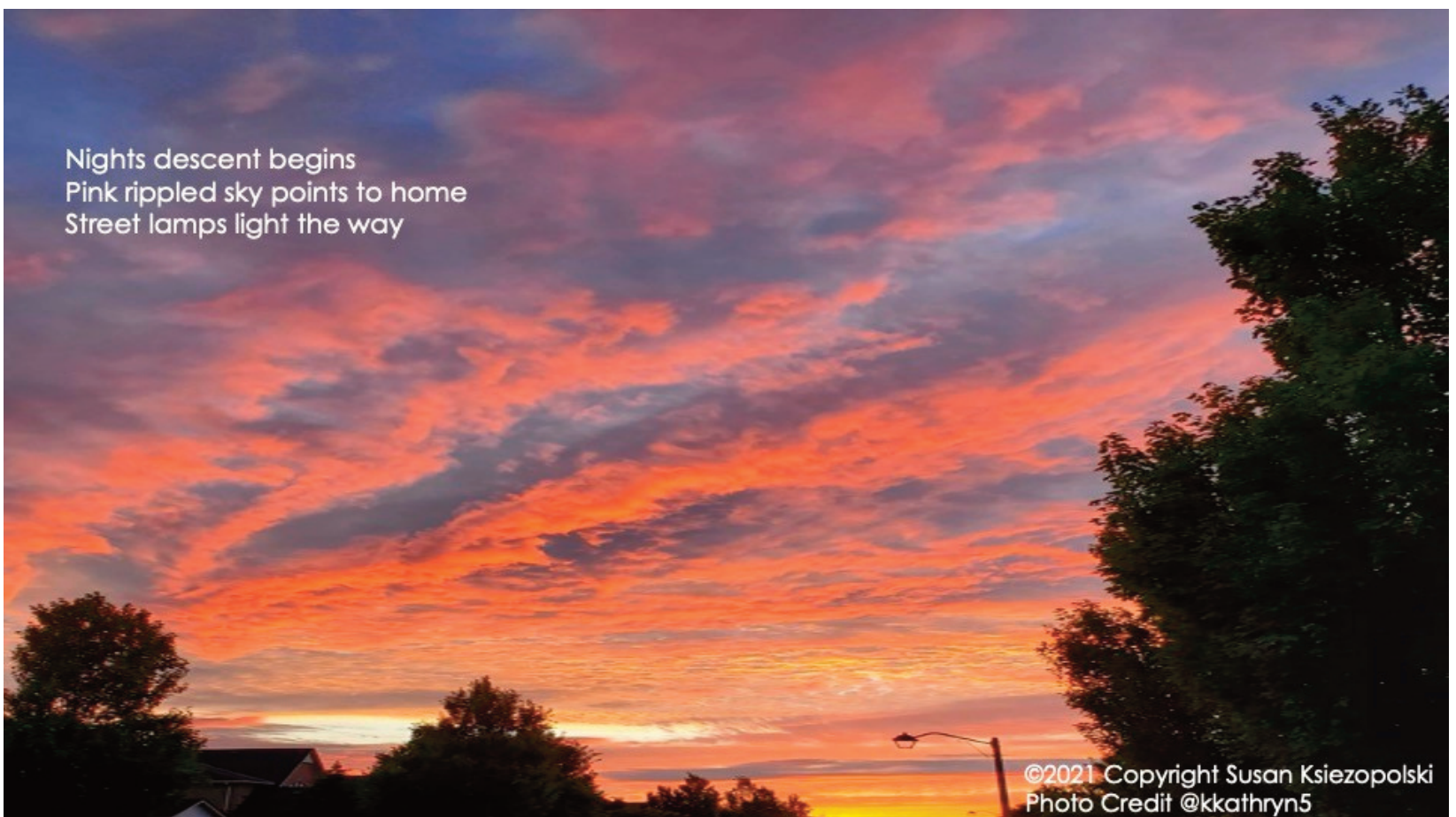
Once the research is gathered and organized, it will be presented at the conference, including evidence of benefits and physiological and psychological effects that could lead to a pragmatic brainstorm, to collectively envi-

sion what a pilot referral and prescription service might look like, and to bring "arts care" to residents in need after the damages done by COVID-19.

Interested participants can learn more and sign up for the data collection events, being hosted through Saturday, at artscore.ca/events/arts-mental-health-datathon.



Nights descent begins
Pink rippled sky points to home
Street lamps light the way



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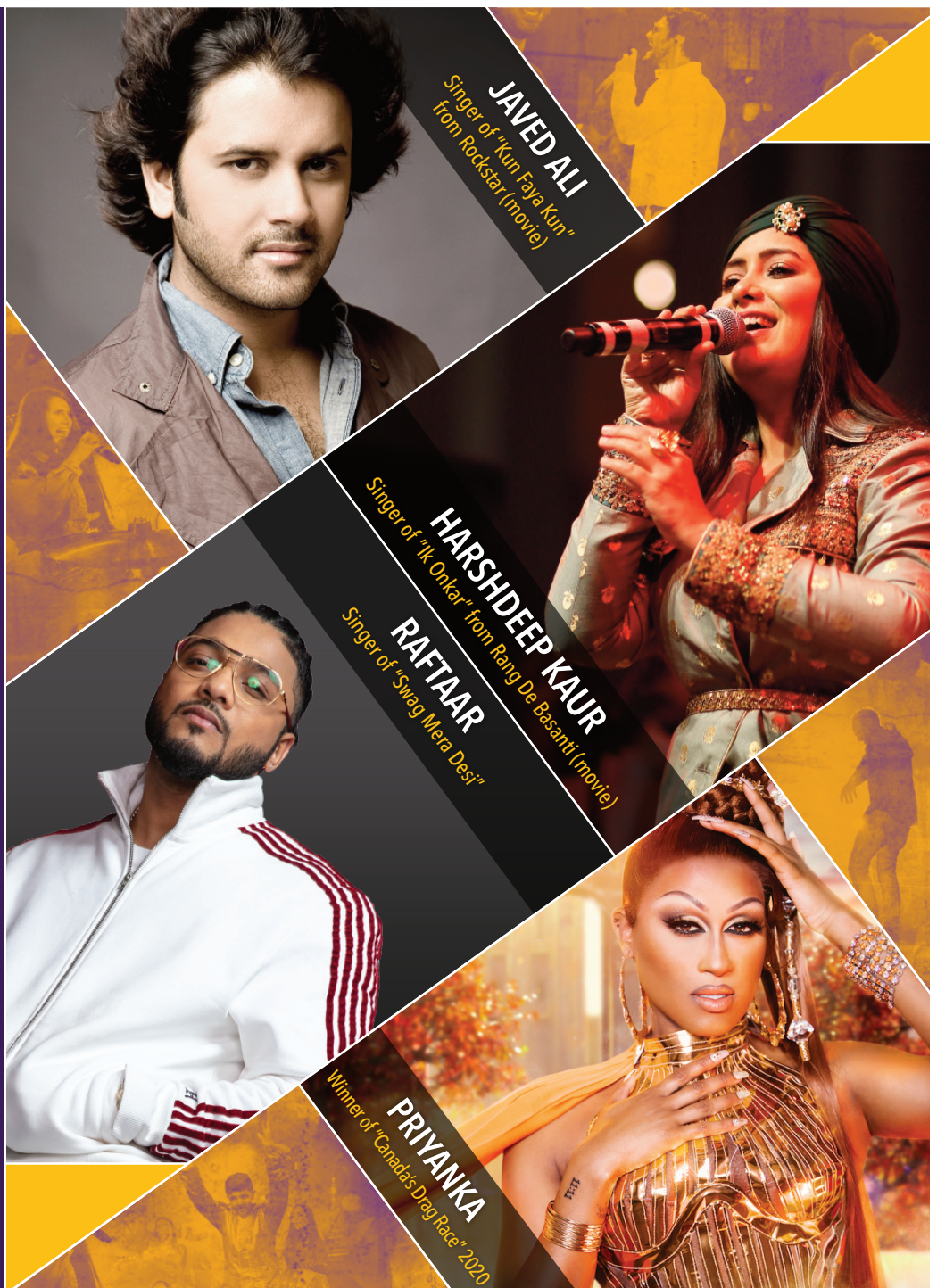
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The Long Road Home

by Serina Lewis

What a crime
the way they're
overcrowded

Eager to climb
the flight's
overloaded

In the heat and
grime
each person
overburdened

After two decades
in time
Can soldiers be

overjoyed
because they're
going home
though their future
overshadowed

by dreams of places
they roamed
experiences
feelings
overpowering

Thousands of
others anxiously
waiting

to be taken

along the long road

to no home



by Ishrat Chowdhury

Shall I call it a
blooming flower
town or a song
bird's town; I won-
der!

My family and I
recently rented a
bungalow in Or-
chard Drive,
six/seven minutes
drive from the cen-
ter of the busy
downtown in Niag-
ara-on-the-Lake.

It was near Ryer-
son Park and
Lakeshore; walking
distance from our
rented bungalow.

Niagara-on-the-
Lake is an ineffable
place, too great to
describe in words. A
quiet area with only
song birds and
whispering leaves,
and the cool breeze
and sound of waves
from the Lake, dom-
inate the neighbour-
hood.

People are very
friendly, not snob-
bish, though they
live in a posh area.

They used to greet
us during our morn-
ing walk or in the af-
ternoon relaxation

time in the lake
shore area. The cen-
tre of the town is al-
ways busy with
tourists, and many
beautiful shops,
boutiques and
restaurants with
many things to offer
and satisfy the
tourists.

But this neigh-
bourhood is far
from all the hustle
and bustle of the
town.

This rented bun-
galow had a back-
yard garden; there
was a small pond
with a tiny fountain.
We saw a frog and a
school of red fish
swimming happily
in the pond.

Next to the pond,
a pear tree had lots
of fruits hanging
from the branches.
Two pairs of squir-
rels and a pair of
rabbits were the fre-
quent visitors of the
pear tree.

We loved watching
how they ate pear
from the tree. Our
ten-and-a-half year-
old grandson

Zachary even
recorded a video of
their dinner ritual.

Once, I saw a
squirrel snatched a
pear from a branch
and ran like a thief,
as fast as it could be.

Most of the houses
are Colonial-type.
Very few modern
buildings are there.
Big trees fill both
sides of the roads in
the town, and there
are deciduous and
plenty of evergreen
pine trees.

Every house has a
blooming flower
garden, Hydrangea,
Mary gold, Hibis-
cus, Chrysanthem-
um, rose, and
much more!

In the Ryerson
Park and Lakeshore
area, there are pic-
nic tables to enjoy
the natural beauty
while avid nature
lovers enjoy a
leisurely lunch.

I used to sit there
and loved to watch
the waves hitting
the shore rhythm-
ically, sometimes
softly and — in

cloudy weather —
with loud thuds.

In front of me, I
could see the CN
Tower and other
high-rise buildings
dotting the Toronto
skyline. In clear
weather, the azure
sky with floating
white clouds reflects
in the lake.

The sound of
waves, song birds'
melodious songs
and whispering
leaves creates a
mesmerising atmos-
phere there.

Watching the sun-
set is another way to
enjoy the scenic
beauty. The orange-
golden hue from the
setting sun diago-
nally falls on the
water, and makes
golden coloured re-
flections against the
dark waves.

We spent nine
days in that peaceful
area, and we will
never forget those
memorable and
happy days for as
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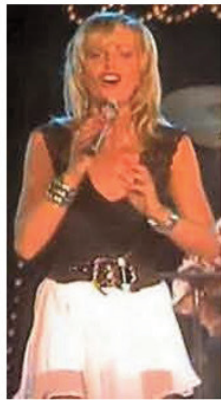
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